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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Legislation Committee

WI: 1131

RE: Committee Recommendations

The Legislation Committee met on April 8 and referred five items to the Commission.

1. AB 1308 (Miller)

AB 1308 would continuously appropriate funds in the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) any year the Legislature has not enacted a budget by the beginning of the fiscal year.

Committee Recommendation: Support AB 1308 (Miller)

2. SB 125 (Emmerson)

SB 125 would authorize law enforcement to impound a vehicle that is registered to a chronic toll evader or a vehicle owner whose registration has been put on hold by the Department of Motor Vehicles at the request of a toll operator. The Committee invoked urgency procedures at staff's request.

Committee Recommendation: Support SB 125 (Emmerson)

3. AB 1215 (Blumenfield)

AB 1215 would make the Business Partner Automation Program mandatory for vehicle dealerships. The Committee invoked urgency procedures at staff's request.

Committee Recommendation: Support AB 1215 (Blumenfield) and seek amendments to 1) impose stronger penalties on motorists driving without license plates; and 2) improve identification of temporary vehicle registration expiration.

4. SB 310 (Hancock), AB 31 (Beall), AB 485 (Ma)

SB 310 would offer developers a guaranteed density bonus, access to a streamlined local permit process of 90 days, and potential reimbursement of permit expenses to encourage development that expands the supply of affordable housing near public transit.

AB 31 would establish the High-Speed Rail Local Master Plan Pilot Program and eliminate the public vote requirement to create an Infrastructure Financing District (IFD) in a city or county that adopts a high-speed rail local master plan.

AB 485 would establish tax-increment financing for transit-oriented development to enable cities and counties with an adopted transit village development district to create an IFD.

Committee Recommendation: Support SB 310 (Hancock), AB 31 (Beall), and AB 485 (Ma)

5. H.R. 995 (Carnahan) — The Smart Technologies for Communities Act

H.R. 995 would provide additional federal funding to support intelligent transportation systems.

Committee Recommendation: Support H.R. 995 (Carnahan)